

ABC(O)-GA-II/20

2021

GEOGRAPHY

PAPER-II

Time Allowed — 3 Hours

Full Marks — 200

*If the questions attempted are in excess of the prescribed number, only the questions attempted first up to the prescribed number shall be valued and the remaining ones ignored.*

*Answers may be given either in **English** or in **Bengali** but all answers must be in one and same language.*

**Group-A**

*Answer Question 1 and any two from the rest.*

1. Divide India into physiographic regions and justify the bases of your regionalization. Describe in detail the structure of the Western Himalayas with particular reference to its impact on relief. Support your answer with suitable sketches. What is the significance of the Main Boundary Fault? 10+(20+5)+5=40
2. What is meant by Ramsar site? Assess the ecological importance of major wetlands in India. On what consideration the Damodar Valley Corporation was selected by the Govt. of India as the first major multipurpose project? Analyze the performance of DVC in flood control. 3+7+8+12=30
3. Discuss the influence of climate on the distribution of natural vegetation in India. Make a critical analysis of the success and failures of Social Forestry as a tool for sustainable forest management in India. 20+10=30
4. Account for the location of cotton textile industry in India. What are the future prospects of this industry in the country? Discuss the economic significance of Chotanagpur Plateau. 15+5+10=30
5. Give a reasoned geographical account of the varying density of population in India (2011). Analyze the salient features of the National Population Policy, 2011. 20+10=30

**Group-B**

*Answer Question 6 and any two from the rest.*

6. Attempt an agro-climatic regionalization of West Bengal and discuss the salient features of each region. Analyze the causes of spatial variation of agricultural productivity in the state. Mention the role of contract farming in the region. 20+15+5=40

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7. Divide deltaic West Bengal into suitable geomorphic units and discuss their essential features. Evaluate the role of Farakka Barrage in ameliorating the problem of siltation in Kolkata Port. 20+10=30
  8. Critically analyze how reclamation affected the physical characteristics of the Sundarbans. What is the significance of the Man and Biosphere programme in conservation and management of biodiversity in the Sundarbans? 20+10=30
  9. Elucidate the major problems of industrialization in West Bengal in the last two decades. In what way the development of SEZ and the thrust on small and medium enterprises (SME's) can influence the emerging industrial scenario of the state? 10+20=30
  10. Account for the structure and composition of population in West Bengal. Highlight on the Government Schemes implemented to solve the problem of gender bias in literacy. 20+10=30
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